



MD-CW3006

# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



October 23, 2006

### Corn Harvest Wrapping Up

Rain activity last week resulted in **4.2 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 22, 2006. Despite the rain, **corn for grain** harvest increased 8 percent to 75 percent complete, 3 percent above last year and the five-year average. **Soybeans** were in fair to good condition. **Soybean** harvest was 30 percent complete, slightly lower than the five-year average.

**Apple** harvest was 97 percent complete slightly above last year and 8 percent above the five-year average.

Planting of **barley** was 76 percent complete slightly above the five-year average. **Winter wheat** was 42 percent planted 3 percent above last year.

**Pasture** was rated 8 percent excellent, 43 percent good, 35 percent fair, 12 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** were rated 2 percent surplus, 82 percent adequate, 10 percent short, and 6 percent very short.

#### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<b>Field Crops</b> <i>Percent</i>				
Corn: Harvested for Grain	83	75	80	80
Soybeans: Dropping Leaves	90	81	89	87
Harvested	30	21	36	31
Barley Planted:	76	61	73	76
Winter Wheat Planted:	42	36	39	44
<b>Hay</b>				
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	78	74	87	85
5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	20	16	9	28
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	49	48	57	78
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>				
<b>Apples</b>				

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	-	-	2	-	-	4
Short	1	1	15	5	5	24
Adequate	91	94	72	92	93	64
Surplus	8	5	11	3	2	8

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